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SUBJECT: 61ST ECOSOC - DECLARATION OF ABIDJAN

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1. SHOULD CORRESPONDENTS OR MEMBERS OF OTHER DELEGATIONS
INQUIRE HOW THE US CAN SUPPORT THAT PARAGRAPH OF THE G-77
COUNTER-DRAFT BEGINNING WITH THE WORDS "REAFFIRMS THAT THE
IMMEDIATE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF COLONIALISM" IN
VIEW OF THE OBVIOUS INTENTION TO STRIKE AT ISRAEL THROUGH
THE PHRASE "FOREIGN AGGRESSION AND OCCUPATION," DELEGATION
SHOULD REPLY THAT WE DO NOT CONSIDER THIS PHRASE,
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COUPLING AGGRESSION AND OCCUPATION, APPLICABLE TO THE

ISRAELI OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. WE CONSIDER THE CURRENT ISRAELI OCCUPATION TO HAVE COME ABOUT AS A RESULT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST THAT WERE NOT INITIATED BY ISRAEL. SO FAR AS THE INDIVIDUAL WORD "OCCUPATION" IS CONCERNED WE RECALL THAT RESOLUTION 338 OF OCTOBER 22, 1973, CALLS FOR THE IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOLUTION 242, OF NOVEMBER 27, 1967, WHICH CALLED, AMONG OTHER THINGS, FOR "WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI ARMED FORCES FROM TERRITORIES OCCUPIED IN THE RECENT CONFLICT."

WE OF COURSE CONSIDER THAT THE ENDING OF THE OCCUPATION SHOULD BE PART OF A JUST AND LASTING PEACE SETTLEMENT AND SHOULD RECEIVE "THE HIGHEST PRIORITY AMONG THE MAJOR PRE-OCCUPATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY."

2. SHOULD CORRESPONDENTS OR OTHERS INQUIRE WHERE THE US CURRENTLY CONSIDERS "FOREIGN AGGRESSION" OR "NEO-COLONIALISM" TO EXIST, THE DELEGATION SHOULD REPLY THAT THE US OPPOSES SUCH SITUATIONS WHEREVER THEY EXIST KISSINGER

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